



STATE OF NEVADA
STATE CONSERVATION COMMISSION

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AGENDA
STATE CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Tuesday, February 21, 2006 at 10:00am

Senator Bryan Building

Nevada Department of Conservation and Natural Resources

901 South Stewart Street

2nd Floor, Multiple Purpose Room

Carson City, NV 89701

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Notice is hereby given that the Nevada State Conservation Commission will hold a public meeting on Tuesday, February 21, 2006 commencing at 10:00am. The meeting will be held at the Senator Bryan Building, 2nd floor, Multiple Purpose Room in Carson City, Nevada.

The State Conservation Commission will consider and act on the following items on Tuesday, February 21, 2006 at 10:00am:

I. CALL TO ORDER

A. Introductions

II. REVIEW AND ACCEPTANCE OF THE AGENDA AS POSTED. **ACTION**

The Commission may decide to take items out of the order presented on the agenda.

III. REVIEW, AMMENDMENT AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES – **ACTION**

A. Approval of the November 7, 2005 and November 9, 2005 meeting minutes.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT AND DISCUSSION

No action may be taken on a matter raised under this item of the agenda until the matter itself has been specifically included on an agenda as an item upon which action will be taken. Three-minute time limit per person.

V. INTERNAL DIVISION REPORTS

A. Status of the Division of Conservation Districts

1. Fiscal Report – Pamela B. Wilcox
2. General – Pamela B. Wilcox
3. General Correspondence – Kelly McGowan – Sandi Gotta
4. Report/Discussion of possible Bill Draft Requests (BDR's) Review 548 Statute and Administrative Code detailing district elections.

VI. REPORTS TO THE COMMISSION (please limit to 5 minutes)

- A. Department of Conservation & Natural Resources – Allen Biaggi, Director**
- B. Department of Agriculture – Don Henderson, Director**
- C. University of Nevada, Reno – Dr. Rangesan Narayanan**
- D. Natural Resources Conservation Service – Richard Vigil, State Conservationist**
- E. Farm Service Agency – Roger Van Valkenburg, Executive Director**
- F. Nevada Association of Conservation Districts – President, Chris Freeman**

VII. OLD BUSINESS:

- A. Report to the Commission on Eureka Conservation District FY2005 Financial Report and Quinn River Conservation District reported matching funds and action taken by staff. Report on distribution of qualifying grant funds to those districts per Commission's direction. *Staff Report and Commission Comments***
 - 1. Comments on District Financial Reports for the districts listed above
 - 2. District/Public Comments
- B. Review and discuss possible partnership opportunities via an internship program with the University of Nevada and Conservation Districts. The Commission may give direction on proposed actions to develop a program. **ACTION** Dr. Rang Narayanan, University of Nevada Reno**
- C. Review statutory procedures in determining district standings. Establish a policy or procedure for dealing with districts that are delinquent in their submittal of required reports. **ACTION****
- D. Review and possible action of the Conservation Commission Strategic Plan for 2005-2010 **DISCUSSION / ACTION****

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Presentation on the proposed intra-basin ground water transfers to Las Vegas and the guidelines and procedures the State currently utilizes to minimize the impacts to other water users and the surrounding natural resources. **DISCUSSION / ACTION** Hugh Ricci, State Engineer, Nevada Division of Water Resources**
- B. Presentation on the demographics of Nevada's agricultural and grazing lands. As these lands become subdivided and developed, what role can the districts serve in assisting counties plan for this growth before it occurs? **ACTION** Clint Wertz, Senior Planner, Nevada Division of State Lands**
- C. Review the travel policies and procedures for State Conservation Commissioners and Division staff. **ACTION** Pam Wilcox, Kelly McGowan, Sandi Gotta**
- D. Opportunities for district projects and district assistance to landowners (Solar Power Generation, Recycling, Methane Capturing, Contribution Agreements with NRCS and Technical Service Providers to NRCS, etc.) Kelly McGowan and Sandi Gotta**

IX. STAFF ITEMS

Unless otherwise listed with a topic description, this portion of the agenda is limited to announcements and discussions of items proposed for action at future meetings.

X. COMMISSIONER ITEMS

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XI. PUBLIC COMMENT

Three-minute time limit per person, limited to items not on the agenda.

XII. NEXT COMMISSION MEETING – **ACTION**

A. Set time and place.

B. Agenda Items.

XIII. ADJOURN – **ACTION* *

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Note: ***ACTION*** Denotes items on which the Commission may take action. Action may occur on the topic or during the general Committee discussion.

AGENDAS HAVE BEEN POSTED ON OR BEFORE 9 a.m. ON THE THIRD WORKING DAY BEFORE THE MEETING AT THE FOLLOWING LOCATIONS:

Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, 901 South Stewart Street, Carson City, NV 89701
Nevada Division of Conservation Districts, 901 S Stewart Street #5004, Carson City, NV 89701
Legislative Counsel Bureau, 401 S. Carson Street, Carson City, NV 89710
State Library and Archives, 100 Stewart St., Carson City, NV 89710
NRCS State Office, 1365 Corporate Blvd, Reno, NV 89502